



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CREDIT UNION DAY
OCTOBER 20, 2005

WHEREAS, credit unions are individual, independent cooperatives founded by people working together toward economic advancement, and uniting people seeking a way to improve their future; and

WHEREAS, credit unions call for the pooling of personal resources and leadership abilities for the good of the cooperative, encourage a regular habit of savings so those in need may borrow, and foster the desire to repay loans so members may have access to credit when it is required; and

WHEREAS, credit unions join together in educational and service systems to remain viable, progressive institutions, better able to serve the needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, credit unions empower people to improve their economic situations in 84 nations around the world, through more than 40,500 credit unions currently serving the financial needs of 123 million members, including 176,000 members in North Dakota, associated through 48 credit unions statewide; and

WHEREAS, credit unions are developing strong alliances that make financial democracy possible in many countries, such as China, Poland, Russia, Ghana, Argentina, the Ukraine, and the rest of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 20, 2005, **CREDIT UNION DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State